

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI/RROF)

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Hill County
315 4th Street
Havre, MT 59501

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or before June 20, 2014, the above-named County will request the Montana Department of Commerce to release funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (PL93-383) for the following project:

PROJECT, TITLE OR NAME: Hill County-North Havre Wastewater System Improvements

PURPOSE OR NATURE OF PROJECT: Abandon and replace wastewater forcemains for RSID #11 and RSID #21 and replace RSID #11 pump station

LOCATION (CITY, COUNTY, STATE): Havre, Hill County, Montana

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT:

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been made by the above-named County. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination or copying, upon request.

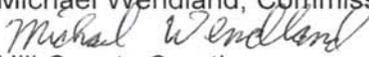
The County of Hill will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant funds provided by the Montana Department of Commerce, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The County of Hill is certifying to the Department of Commerce that the County of Hill and Commissioner Michael Wendland, in his or her official capacity as Chairperson of the County Commission, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect on the certification is that upon its approval, Hill County may use the CDBG funds, and the Department of Commerce will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as delegated to the State of Montana through the 1981 Amendments to the Housing and Community Development Act.

The Department of Commerce will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases:

- (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer approved by the Department of Commerce;
- (b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process;
- (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DOC; or
- (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental design.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to the CDBG Program, Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, P.O. Box 200523, 301 S. Park Avenue, Helena, Montana 59620.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the Department of Commerce. No objection received after July 7, 2014 will be considered by the Department of Commerce.

Michael Wendland, Commissioner

Hill County Courthouse
Havre, Montana 59501

Environmental Certifying Officer:
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